

The Glacier Explorer



Glacier National Park
National Park Service
U. S. Department of the Interior



Pine Martin



Boarding the DeSmet



Lake McDonald Lodge



Whitetail Deer

Programs and Activities for June 29 through July 12, 2003

Join Us!

This guide lists a variety of ranger-led and other programs from easy walks and evening talks to all-day hikes. Please feel free to join us and explore Glacier in an interesting and exciting way.

Junior Rangers

Families with children may take advantage of our Junior Ranger Program. Children between the ages of six and twelve can become a Junior Ranger. Pick up a copy of the Junior Ranger Newspaper at a visitor center. Inside you will find seven activities that will introduce you to the variety of habitats found in the park. Complete five of the activities and bring your completed form back to a visitor center to receive your Junior Ranger Badge, and become a Glacier National Park Junior Ranger.

The Tonight Show - Glacier National Park Style

It's likely that you spend a late night or two at home, in front of the television watching Jay or Dave. You probably can't tune in tonight, but you could use your time at Glacier to join a ranger for one of the many evening programs offered throughout the park.

Just like Leno and Letterman, you will find park rangers putting on nightly programs that are informative, entertaining, and, well, provocative. Slide shows are featured at the St. Mary Visitor Center, Many Glacier Hotel, Lake McDonald Lodge, and Fish Creek Campground.

You will find traditional campfire talks at many park campgrounds - Apgar, Avalanche, Two Medicine, Rising Sun, and Many Glacier. Each night features a different program and a different perspective on the features of Glacier National Park. So, turn off the tube and join us for an evening of entertainment, interesting stories, and some thought provoking ideas about why Glacier might be something more important than you thought. Programs are free and you don't have to stand in line for a ticket!



Ranger Clare Landry

Boat Cruise & Hike



Boarding the Sinopah at Two Medicine

Glacier Park Boat Co. offers narrated scenic boat cruises at Lake McDonald, Many Glacier, Rising Sun, and Two Medicine. In addition to the National Park Service-led hikes listed inside, Glacier Park Boat Co. naturalists lead guided walks at Two Medicine, Many Glacier, and Rising Sun.

Grinnell Lake Cruise and Hike

Meet at the Many Glacier Hotel Boat Dock for a cruise on Swiftcurrent and Josephine Lakes, followed by an optional, easy 2.5 mile, round-trip walk to Grinnell Lake.
Sunday, Monday, Friday & Saturday - 2:00pm

Two Medicine Cruise and Hike

This 2 1/4 hour activity includes a scenic boat cruise on Two Medicine Lake and easy 1.8 mile round-trip hike to beautiful Twin Falls. Meet at the Two Medicine Boat Dock. **Daily - 1:00pm & 3:00pm**

St. Mary Lake Cruise and Hike

Meet at the Rising Sun Boat Dock for a cruise of St. Mary Lake and an optional 3 mile round-trip hike to St. Mary Falls.
Mondays & Fridays - 9:00am



Running Eagle Falls - Two Medicine Valley

Special Native American Programs

Native Reflections

Award-winning performing artist Jack Gladstone presents a musical/visual narrative of the major cultural contributions of Indians to American culture. Traditional stories, animal legends, and personality portraits guide the audience to a better understanding of our truly American heritage.

Lake McDonald Lodge Auditorium **July 11 - 8:30pm**
St. Mary Visitor Center **July 12 - 7:30pm**

Native America Speaks

Blackfeet, Salish, and Kootenai tribal members share their knowledge of the history and culture of Native America, through these 45-minute programs.

Apgar Campground Amphitheater **Mondays - 8:00pm**
Lake McDonald Lodge Auditorium **July 4 & 5 - 8:30pm**
Many Glacier Campground **Tuesdays - 8:00pm**
Two Medicine Campground **Wednesdays - 8:00pm**
Rising Sun Campground **Thursdays - 8:00pm**

Proud Partners

Some of the park's interpretive programs and publications have been enhanced by a generous donation of photographic supplies and materials from Kodak, one of the Proud Partners of America's National Parks.



Glacier Natural History Association

Glacier's Native American programs and free publications are made possible with the generous financial support of the Glacier Natural History Association. Bookstores in park visitor centers are operated by the Association.

This nonprofit organization works with the National Park Service to assist with educational and interpretive activities, cultural preservation, and special projects. A percentage of proceeds from book sales are donated to the park each year.

Association bookstores are located at: Apgar, Logan Pass, and St. Mary Visitor Centers; Polebridge, Two Medicine, Many Glacier, and Goat Haunt Ranger Stations, the Apgar Backcountry Permit Center, and the West Glacier Depot.

Glacier Natural History Association
Box 310
West Glacier, MT 59936
Phone 406-888-5756
http://www.glacierassociation.org
gnha@glacierassociation.org

The Glacier Institute

The Institute provides field classes, within Glacier National Park, examining cultural and natural resources, management policies, and research efforts. Highlights include programs on geology, bears, and wildflowers. Contact the Institute for more further information.

The Glacier Institute
P.O. Box 7457
Kalispell, MT 59904
406-755-1211
glacinst@digisys.net



Chief Mountain

What to Bring Hiking!

Sturdy Foot Gear

For all but the very easiest of hikes, everyone should have sturdy foot gear. A good boot, with strong support, will help prevent ankle injuries.

Mosquito Repellent

Mosquitos and flies can be bothersome. Come prepared to meet some of Glacier's smaller wildlife species.

Rain Gear
Weather can change quickly. Come prepared for summer showers.

Children
Children are welcome on interpretive activities,
but should always be
accompanied by an adult.

Water
Bring water with you! The mountains can get very hot in the summer. Surface water in the park may be unsafe to drink.

Sun Screen and a Hat

A day of hiking can expose you to more sun and UV rays than normal. Wear a hat. It will help keep you cool and you won't get a painful sunburn on your scalp!

Food and Snacks

Bring something to eat while you are in the backcountry. If you are on an all-day hike or a hike over the noon hour, you'll get mighty hungry without lunch.

Remember, if you pack it in, pack it out.

Enthusiasm and a Spirit of Adventure

Glacier's rangers and concessioners will be guiding you to some incredible places. Come prepared to have a great time!

	SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT	SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
St. Mary - Rising Sun	6/29	6/30	7/1	7/2	7/3	7/4	7/5	7/6	7/7	7/8	7/9	7/10	7/11	7/12

Siyeah Pass Hike - As the snow melts out of the high country, this hike will take alternative routes that vary in destination based on remaining snow levels. Ask at the visitor centers for current destination information. Be prepared for this strenuous hike with varying trail conditions. Sturdy boots, water and sunscreen are needed. Meet at Sunrift Gorge to arrange a car shuttle.

10.5 miles (16.5km) - 8 hours

St. Mary Lake Boat Trip & Hike - Enjoy Glacier National Park's rugged beauty as you cruise up St. Mary Lake. Take the optional 3 mile ranger-led hike to St. Mary Falls, returning on a later boat. Meet at the Rising Sun Boat Dock, 6 miles west of St. Mary on the Going To The Sun Road. A fee is charged for the boat ride. 3 miles (5km) - 3 1/2 hours	9:00am & 2:00pm		9:00am & 2:00pm	9:00am & 2:00pm	9:00am & 2:00pm		9:00am & 2:00pm	9:00am & 2:00pm		9:00am & 2:00pm	9:00am & 2:00pm	9:00am & 2:00pm		9:00am & 2:00pm
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3 miles (5km) - 2 1/2 hours

Contour Map Journey - Gather around the relief map in the St. Mary Visitor Center and discover the watersheds, glaciers and mountain passes that you may experience during your visit to Glacier National Park. A ranger will be there to guide you in your planning. 15 minutes		10:00am	10:00am	10:00am	10:00am	10:00am			10:00am	10:00am	10:00am	10:00am	10:00am	
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On Fridays join a Warden from Waterton Lakes National Park and explore the relationship of peace and cooperation between our two parks.

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Many Glacier	6/29	6/30	7/1	7/2	7/3	7/4	7/5	7/6	7/7	7/8	7/9	7/10	7/11	7/12

Early Morning Bird Walk - Early morning is the best time to see and hear the songbirds of the valley. Meet at the boat dock behind the Many Glacier Hotel. Bring binoculars and field guide. **1 mile (1.2km) - 1 1/2 hour**

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Ranger's Choice All-Day Hike - Meet at the Swiftcurrent Motor Inn Parking Lot														
8:00am	8:00am	8:00am	8:00am	8:00am	8:00am	8:00am	8:00am	8:00am	8:00am	8:00am	8:00am	8:00am	8:00am	8:00am
to join a ranger for a hike to one of the many spectacular locations in the Many Glacier Valley. Destination will be chosen from the following: Cracker Lake, Morning Eagle Falls, Swiftcurrent Pass, Ptarmigan Lake/Tunnel, or Grinnell Glacier. Due to early season conditions, the destination of this hike will not be determined until 5:00pm the day before. Check at the Many Glacier Ranger Station or at the Many Glacier evening programs for details.														

Approximately 10 to 12 miles (16 to 18km) - 8 hours

Grinnell Valley Boat Trip and Hike - Meet at the Mary Glacier Hotel Boat Dock for a cruise on Swiftcurrent and Josephine Lakes and an optional hike. A fee is charged for the boat. Purchase tickets early if possible. 2.5 miles (4km) - 3 1/2 hours	9:00am	9:00am	9:00am	9:00am	9:00am	9:00am	9:00am	9:00am	9:00am	9:00am	9:00am	9:00am	9:00am	9:00am	9:00am
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Redrock Falls Hike - Meet at the Swiftcurrent Campstore for an easy hike through diverse animal habitats and plant communities to colorful Redrock Falls. 3.5 miles (5.6 km) - 3 1/2 hours		2:00pm		2:00pm		2:00pm	2:00pm		2:00pm		2:00pm	2:00pm
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Evening Campground Program - Talks exploring some of the many special features of Glacier National Park are presented by rangers at the Many Glacier Campground Circle. Topics vary and programs last 45 minutes. A representative of the Native America Speaks Program will offer a special perspective on Tuesday evenings.		8:00pm	8:00pm	8:00pm		8:00pm	8:00pm		8:00pm	8:00pm	8:00pm		8:00pm	8:00pm
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Lake McDonald	6/29	6/30	7/1	7/2	7/3	7/4	7/5	7/6	7/7	7/8	7/9	7/10	7/11	7/12
Avalanche Lake Hike - Hike through mature red cedar and western hemlock to glimmering Avalanche Lake. Meet at the picnic area parking lot, across from Avalanche Campground. 4 miles (6.4km) - 3 1/2 hours	8:30am	8:30am	8:30am	8:30am	8:30am		8:30am	8:30am	8:30am	8:30am	8:30am	8:30am		8:30am
Autumn Creek Hike - Starting atop the Continental Divide at Marias Pass on U. S. Highway 2, this trail skirts Three Bears Lake through mixed forests and meadows before descending again to Highway 2, west of Marias Pass. Be prepared for muddy places and several fords of small streams. Meet at Izaak Walton Inn to shuttle cars 17 miles east to the trailhead. If fewer than four people show up for this activity, the hike will switch to Ole Creek. 6 miles (10km) - 6 hours (including shuttle)					8:30am							8:30am		
Nurturing Native Plants - Join the staff of the Native Plant Nursery for this look at how plants are grown for use in revegetation projects. Meet in at the front steps of park headquarters.			10:00am							10:00am				
Sacred Dancing Cascades - This hike, through the cedar and hemlock forest, passes Johns Lake and crosses Sacred Dancing Cascades on McDonald Creek. Meet at the bridge on the Lake McDonald Ranger Station Road (first left 1.2 miles north of Lake McDonald Lodge). 2.5 miles (4km) - 2 1/4 hours	1:30pm	1:30pm		1:30pm		1:30pm		1:30pm	1:30pm		1:30pm		1:30pm	
Fire Recovery Talk - Witness the new growth already returning to the forest burn in the 2001 Moose Fire. Meet the ranger at the Huckleberry Nature Trail parking lot, just outside the entrance station on the Camas Road. 45 minutes						2:00pm							2:00pm	
Fire Recovery Walk - For a contrasting study in black and green, walk with a ranger through an area that burned in September 2001. Meet the ranger at the Huckleberry Nature Trail parking lot, just outside the entrance station on the Camas Road. 1 mile (1.6km) - 1 1/2 hours			2:00pm		2:00pm					2:00pm		2:00pm		
Discovery Cabin - Explore the educational and fun hands-on activities at this open house. Staff will be on duty to help with a variety of learning stations about bears, wolves, mountain lions, birds, geology, and much more. Stop by the Apgar Visitor Center for directions to the cabin.	2:30pm to 3:30pm	2:30pm to 3:30pm	2:30pm to 3:30pm	2:30pm to 3:30pm	2:30pm to 3:30pm	2:30pm to 3:30pm	2:30pm to 3:30pm	2:30pm to 3:30pm	2:30pm to 3:30pm	2:30pm to 3:30pm	2:30pm to 3:30pm	2:30pm to 3:30pm	2:30pm to 3:30pm	2:30pm to 3:30pm
Lake McDonald Launch Tours - Cruise Lake McDonald and absorb a piece of Glacier's history, as the DeSmet plies the waters of one of Glacier's early day boat launch routes. Meet at the boat dock behind Lake McDonald Lodge. A fee is charged for the one-hour boat ride.	3:30pm & 7:00pm	3:30pm & 7:00pm	3:30pm & 7:00pm	3:30pm & 7:00pm	3:30pm & 7:00pm	3:30pm & 7:00pm	3:30pm & 7:00pm	3:30pm & 7:00pm	3:30pm & 7:00pm	3:30pm & 7:00pm	3:30pm & 7:00pm	3:30pm & 7:00pm	3:30pm & 7:00pm	3:30pm & 7:00pm
Apgar Ranger Talk - Join a ranger at the amphitheater at Apgar Campground for a 45-minute program focusing on the cultural or natural history of Glacier.	8:00pm	8:00pm	8:00pm	8:00pm	8:00pm	8:00pm	8:00pm	8:00pm	8:00pm	8:00pm	8:00pm	8:00pm	8:00pm	8:00pm
Avalanche Ranger Talk - Join a ranger at the Avalanche Campground Amphitheater for a traditional style (no slides) program on topics of interest to park visitors. 45 mintues						8:00pm	8:00pm						8:00pm	8:00pm
Lake McDonald Lodge Evening Program - Join a ranger at Lake McDonald Lodge Auditorium for this 45-minute evening slide program. All park visitors are invited to these free programs.	8:30pm	8:30pm	8:30pm	8:30pm	8:30pm	8:30pm	8:30pm	8:30pm	8:30pm	8:30pm	8:30pm	8:30pm	8:30pm	8:30pm
Fish Creek Evening Program - Evening slide programs are offered at Fish Creek Campground amphitheater. Join a ranger for these 45-minute programs.	8:45pm	8:45pm	8:45pm	8:45pm	8:45pm	8:45pm	8:45pm	8:45pm	8:45pm	8:45pm	8:45pm	8:45pm	8:45pm	8:45pm

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Two Medicine	6/29	6/30	7/1	7/2	7/3	7/4	7/5	7/6	7/7	7/8	7/9	7/10	7/11	7/12
No Name Lake Hike - This moderately strenuous hike takes you from the shores of Two Medicine Lake to the shores of No Name Lake, hidden beneath the sheer wall of Pumpelly Pillar. Stroll the gentle North Shore Trail, then climb steeply 850 feet to this bright blue, hidden lake. Meet at the bridge in the campground. 9 miles (14.4km) - 6 hours	11:00am							11:00am						
Rockwell Falls Hike - This moderately paced half-day hike passes through wildflower-filled meadows to Aster Falls then gently ascends the valley beneath Sinopah Mountain to Rockwell Falls. Enjoy the diversity of habitats as you climb 375 feet. Meet at the Two Medicine Campstore. 7.0 miles (11.6km) - 5 hours.		11:00am							11:00am					
Scenic Point Hike - Glaciated valleys and spectacular vistas highlight this rugged, steadily climbing hike. You will gain 2,350 feet over 3.1 miles, with an alpine tundra reward at the top. Meet at the Scenic Point trailhead. 6.2 miles (9.9km) - 5 hours			11:00am							11:00am				
Two Medicine Lake Boat Trip and Hike - Cruise scenic Two Medicine Lake and join a naturalist for a gentle hike to Upper Two Medicine Lake, gaining 350 feet in elevation. Pause at beautiful Twin Falls and cross flower-filled meadows on your way to the lake. Meet at the Two Medicine Boat dock. A fee is charged for the boat ride. Return by a later boat. 4.4 miles (7.0km) - 5 hours				10:30am			10:30am				10:30am			
Medicine Grizzly Lake - This low elevation hike to the notorious and mysterious Medicine Grizzly Lake will offer hikers an all-day hike that is rarely experienced. Pass through both forest and meadow as we gain 540 feet to the lake, nestled under Triple Divide Peak. Learn about grizzly ecology and legend along the way. Meet at the Cutbank Creek Campground, 6 miles off of Hwy 89. 12.4 miles (19.8km) - 7 hours					9:00am						9:00am			
Aster Park Falls and Overlook - Expect high rewards from this 2-part hike. It's an easy stroll to Aster Falls, fed from springs off Never Laughs Mountain. We will look for the “dipper” bird, who nests at the falls. Those who wish to continue will climb to the overlook, gaining 650 feet in .6 miles. The vistas from the top are worth the climb! Meet at the Two Medicine Campstore. 3.8 miles (3km) - 3 hours					11:00am					11:00am				
Firebrand Pass Hike - Join a ranger to explore the southeast corner of the Park, and climb 1800 feet through 4 different Eastside life zones to Firebrand Pass. Learn about fire ecology on the way. Meet at the trailhead, on the north side of Hwy 2, at Mile Marker 203, 6 miles west of East Glacier. Maps available at the Two Medicine Ranger Station. 10.6 miles (17km) - 6 hours						11:00am							11:00am	
Running Eagle Falls Stroll - Walk this gentle, handicapped accessible path with a ranger to Running Eagle Falls, learning about Pitamaken, the Blackfeet woman warrior, as well as the many native plants along the way to this unique double falls. Less than 1 mile (.6km) - 1 hour		4:30pm							4:30pm					
Paradise Point Stroll - This easy walk through dense forest and lush meadow, will pop out on the shore of Two Medicine Lake at a popular fishing site, with expansive views up and down the lake as well as towering Rising Wolf Mountair. 1.2 miles (1.9km) - 1 hour							4:30pm							4:30pm

Goat Haunt	SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT	SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
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International Peace Park Hike - Join both US National Park Service and Parks Canada Staff on this exploration of the world's first International Peace Park. A moderate hike crosses the International boundry from Waterton Townsite to Goat Haunt and return via the boat. A boat ticket must be purchased before departing on the Peace Park Hike at Shoreline Cruises in the marina, Waterton Townsite. The return ticket is \$15.00 (Canadian) for adults, \$8.00 for ages 13-17 and \$6.00 for children 4-12. Meet at the Bertha Lake Trailhead in Waterton Townsite. 8.7 miles (14km) - 8 hours	10:00am													10:00am
Evening Slide Program - A US National Park Service Ranger will present a program on the International Peace Park. Offered in the Falls Theatre, Waterton Townsite, located on Evergreen Avenue, one block north of the campground. 45 minutes						8:30pm							8:30pm	
Peaceful Partners - Boat Passengers are invited to join a park ranger in the Goat Haunt Peace Pavillion for an opportunity to celebrate the cooperation between Canada and the United States in managing the world's first International Peace Park. 10 minutes	11:00am 2:00pm 5:00pm	11:00am 2:00pm 5:00pm	11:00am 2:00pm 5:00pm	11:00am 2:00pm 5:00pm	11:00am 2:00pm 5:00pm	11:00am 2:00pm 5:00pm	11:00am 2:00pm 5:00pm	11:00am 2:00pm 5:00pm	11:00am 2:00pm 5:00pm	11:00am 2:00pm 5:00pm	11:00am 2:00pm 5:00pm	11:00am 2:00pm 5:00pm	11:00am 2:00pm 5:00pm	11:00am 2:00pm 5:00pm
Goat Haunt Overlook Hike - Incredible views of this glacially-carved valley highlight this short but steep hike. Take the 10am cruise from Waterton, and make arrangements with the boat company to return on a later boat. Meet at the Goat Haunt Ranger Station. American citizens, legal residents of the United States and Canadian citizens with proper documentation only.* 2 miles (3.2km) - 2 1/2 hours	11:30am	11:30am	11:30am	11:30am	11:30am		11:30am	11:30am	11:30am	11:30am	11:30am	11:30pm		11:30pm
Wonder of Water - Join a ranger for an easy walk to Rainbow Falls as you discover wildflowers and wildlife in a streamside habitat. Take the 1:00pm cruise from Waterton and make arrangements with the boat company to return on a later boat. Meet at the Goat Haunt Ranger Station. American citizens, legal residents of the United States and Canadian citizens with proper documentation only.* 2 miles (3.2km) - 2 hours	2:30pm	2:30pm	2:30pm	2:30pm	2:30pm			2:30pm	2:30pm	2:30pm	2:30pm	2:30pm		
* Please contact the Visitor Center with questions regarding these hikes.														



Janet Lake



Waterton Lake

Logan Pass

Visiting Logan Pass

No phone or food services are available at Logan Pass.

Special Notes

Frequently, the parking lot at Logan Pass fills beyond capacity, forcing visitors to drive on without stopping. Expect parking difficulties between 11:00 am and 3:00 pm. To avoid crowds, plan on visiting Logan Pass early in the day or late in the afternoon. The Going-to-the-Sun Road shuttle and guided tour options stop at Logan Pass. They provide a valuable service to those with oversized vehicles and help reduce traffic on the road.

Transportation Options

Tours can be arranged by contacting:

Sun Tours

(406)226-9220 (tours)

Glacier Park Inc.

(406)892-2525
(tours and shuttle service)



Hidden Lake



Mt Reynolds and the Going-to-the-Sun Road